



REMARKS

Claims 1-19 are pending in the application and stand rejected. Claims 1, and 3-10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Jain et al. (6,567,980) and Takemoto (6,335,742). Claims 2 and 11-19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Jain et al. (6,567,980) and Takemoto (6,335,742) and Balogh et al. (5,493,677).

Claim 1 has been amended as generally discussed in a telephone interview with the Examiner on June 7, 2004.

It is respectfully submitted, therefore, that in view of the above amendments and remarks, that this application is now in condition for allowance, prompt notice of which is earnestly solicited.

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